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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

HUEY-CHIANG LIOU,) No. C 07-5042 EDL

Plaintiff,)

v.)

MICHAEL B. MUKASEY,* United States)
Attorney General; EMILIO GONZALEZ,)
Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration)
Services; SCOTT SCHOOLS, United States)
Attorney, California Northern District;)
ROSEMARY MELVILLE, San Francisco)
District Director, U.S. Citizenship and)
Immigration Services; ROBERT S.)
MUELLER, Director of Federal Bureau of)
Investigation,)

Defendants)

JOINT REQUEST TO BE EXEMPT FROM
FORMAL ADR PROCESS; ~~PROPOSED~~
ORDER

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*Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 25(d)(1), Michael B. Mukasey is substituted for his predecessor, Alberto Gonzales, as the United States Attorney General.

ADR CERTIFICATION
No. C 07-5042 EDL

Each of the undersigned certifies that he or she has read either the handbook entitled "Dispute Resolution Procedures in the Northern District of California," or the specified portions of the ADR Unit's Internet site <www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov>, discussed the available dispute resolution options provided by the court and private entities, and considered whether this case might benefit from any of them.

Here, the parties agree that referral to a formal ADR process will not be beneficial because this mandamus action is limited to Plaintiff's request that this Court decide his application for naturalization. Given the substance of the action and the lack of any potential middle ground, ADR will only serve to multiply the proceedings and unnecessarily tax court resources. Accordingly, pursuant to ADR L.R. 3-3(c), the parties request the case be removed from the ADR Multi-Option Program and that they be excused from participating in the ADR phone conference and any further formal ADR process.

Dated: December 19, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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MELANIE L. PROCTOR¹
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Dated: December 19, 2007

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Attorney for Plaintiffs

ORDER

Pursuant to stipulation, IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: March 4, 2008

Elijah R. D. Laporte
ELIZABETH D. LAPORTE
United States Magistrate Judge

¹I, Melanie L. Proctor, hereby attest that I have on file all holograph signatures for any signatures indicated by a “conformed” signature (/S/) within this efiled document.